

Announcement of a water quality study to develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the bacteria impairment in the tidal freshwater Rappahannock River.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announce the second public meeting for the Tidal Freshwater Rappahannock River TMDL study.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Jepson Science Center, Room 100

Fredericksburg Campus of the University of Mary Washington

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** This is the second public meeting for this project. The purpose of this meeting is to present the draft TMDL Report and discuss the study with community members.

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of bacteria pollution in a 3.8 square mile segment of the tidal freshwater Rappahannock River. The impaired river segment is located in portions of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford counties, and the city of Fredericksburg. Below is a description of the impaired portion of the Rappahannock River that will be addressed in this TMDL study.

Stream Name	Locality	Impairment	Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit
Rappahannock River	Fredericksburg Caroline King George Spotsylvania Stafford	Bacteria	3.8	Fall Line at the Route 1 Bridge in Fredericksburg	Confluence with Mill Creek, below the Route 301 Bridge

During the study, DEQ will develop a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for the impaired river segment. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL allocated amount.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** The public comment period on the materials presented at the public meeting, including the draft TMDL Report, will extend from January 9, 2008 to February 8, 2008. DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Please send all comments to the contact listed below.

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